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In view of situation that has developed at Friedrichstrasse during past 24 hours, would like to seek earliest possible meeting with Gromyko to protest East German harassment at crossing and seek his intervention to assure removal obstacles to Allied traffic moving through entry point.

In making demarche, following points should be stressed:

1. For past few days East German police at Friedrichstrasse entry point into Soviet Sector Berlin have been ~~whom~~ obstructing Allied traffic attempting move through Sector crossing points.
2. East German VOPOs insisting official American personnel in Berlin, traveling in vehicles licensed by US authorities in Berlin but attired in civilian clothes identify themselves to East German police in order enter Soviet Sector.
3. This demand contravenes practices of many years, permitting official Allied and Soviet personnel freely circulate in all ~~sectors~~ sectors of Berlin and pass through sector crossing points.

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4. Attempts by VOPOs impose these controls over Allied traffic in violation of existing arrangements and practices and unacceptable to us.

5. Situation could become serious

6. ~~we request the Soviet Government~~ Soviet Government instruct its officials in Berlin to assure situation at Friedrichstrasse air crossing point is returned to normal.

6. If Soviets wish to propose any change in procedure, this is something which could be taken up through normal channels but to change existing procedures unilaterally is not way ~~wishes~~ to handle matters of this sort.

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